

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

802

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

12/01/1987

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

## 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

### Purpose

Review of Intramural Laboratory

### Start

05/08/2018

### End

- 05/10/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$75,713.00	\$77,151.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$5,855.00	\$5,875.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$9,749.00	\$9,824.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$400.00	\$404.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$99,717.00	\$101,254.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.70	0.70

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the following areas: Craniofacial Skeletal Disease, Pain and Neurosensory Mechanisms, Oral Infection and Immunity, Craniofacial Development Biology and Regeneration, Oral and Pharyngeal Cancer, Gene Therapy and Therapeutics, Human Craniofacial Genetics. During FY 2018 the Board made 5 recommendations concerning individual labs and tenure track investigators.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board is composed of 9 members with research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Members are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of oral biology, periodontology, immunopathology, endocrinology, microbiology, infectious diseases and epidemiology. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board met once during this reporting period. The Board holds approximately two meetings each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis. The chair of the Board routinely attends and reports to the NIDCR Advisory Council, meets with the Director of the Institute and with the Deputy Director of Intramural Research, NIH.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Board is composed of recognized biomedical research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available from NIH staff or from other established resources.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meetings of the Board were closed to the public for the review, discussion, and

evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## 21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. The DFO and Decision Maker are the same person, the Director, Division of Extramural Activities. This is a small Institute where limited resources and confidentiality concerns have led the Director to appoint one person for both roles. Drs. Jennifer Grandis and George Taylor were both administratively extended until 12/28/17.

## Designated Federal Officer

ALICIA DOMBROSKI DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BELLIDO, TERESITA	03/08/2018	06/30/2022	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BRONNER, MARIANNE	11/25/2014	06/30/2019	ALBERT BILLINGS RUDDOCK PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DONOWITZ, MARK	01/05/2015	06/30/2019	DIRECTOR OF BASIC RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GEREAU, ROBERT	10/06/2014	06/30/2019	INTERIM CHIEF	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GRANDIS, JENNIFER	07/01/2014	12/28/2017	ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR OF CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LANE, NANCY	07/01/2013	06/30/2018	ENDOWED PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SANZ, IGNACIO	03/25/2015	06/30/2019	MASON LOWANCE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND PEDIATRICS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SERHAN, CHARLES	07/01/2016	06/30/2021	FIRST ENDOWED DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TAYLOR, GEORGE	07/01/2012	12/28/2017	CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
YULE, DAVID	01/18/2018	06/30/2022	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 10**

## Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The

NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH ... shall assure that research at ... the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute Intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to

unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

99

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Board of Scientific Counselors makes recommendations that address the specific laboratory under review. The reviews are scheduled on a 3-4 year rotation. The recommendations are implemented at the direction of the Institute Director and the Scientific Director.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### Agency Feedback Comments

A letter of response is sent to the Committee from the Scientific Director to address any recommendations or criticisms that were noted in the laboratory review report. A response is generated for each individual laboratory that has been reviewed by the Board of Scientific Counselors.

### What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

### Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

### Grant Review Comments

NA

### How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Committee Management Officer 240-669-5201